



WATERTOWN COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**WATERTOWN TOWN HALL
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
61 ECHO LAKE ROAD, WATERTOWN, CT**

Thursday, March 19, 2026

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Melanie Flaherty, Chair
- II. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Melanie Flaherty, Chair
Cynthia Blanchard, Vice Chair
Alan Mickel
Debra Desena
Tracy Dasilva
Wilbur Hughes
Sally Kuslis
Amy Quinnan
Vacancy

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Ganem, Director of Parks, Recreation, Senior, and Social Services

Melanie Flaherty made a motion to remove the name of Joy Goldfarb from the Roll Call. Joy was present last month as a member of the public and is not a member of the COA.

Seconded by Al Mickel.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Participation – several members commented and provided feedback

V. Correspondence – none

VI. Approval of Minutes:

A. February 19, 2026, Regular Meeting

Motion by Wilbur Hughes, seconded by Sally Kuslis, to approve the minutes of February 19, 2026, amended to reflect that member Amy Quinnan was present at the February 19, 2026, meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Chairman – no report

B. Parks & Recreation Director

Michael Ganem:

- Written reports were provided

C. Senior Center Coordinator/Municipal Services

Laura Garay

- Provided a written report

VIII. Old Business- several members attended the recent Zoom Meeting hosted by the Western Area of Aging Advisory Board

IX. New Business – Commissioners discussed the role of the COA and its mission.

X. Adjournment -

Motion: Wilbur Hughes, seconded by Alan Mickel, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:05 P.M.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Flaherty, Chair
Watertown Commission on Aging

Approved: _____
Susan King, Clerk